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### **STATEWIDE**

**Helping New York's Homeowners, Renters and Homebuyers.** In her first year in office, Senator Gillibrand has made helping New Yorkers hit by the housing crisis one of her top priorities. With thousands of New York families facing foreclosure, Senator Gillibrand cosponsored and worked to pass the *Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act*, legislation which would expand federal fraud laws to independent mortgage companies to crack down on fraudulent lending practices. Additionally, the legislation dedicated more federal resources to the Department of Justice and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prevent and prosecute mortgage scams and other abuses. These new protections will mean less New York families will be the victims of mortgage and housing frauds and more families will keep their homes.

Unfortunately, New York's millions of renters have not been insulated from the housing crisis. In fact, many renting families whose units have been foreclosed faced eviction without notice. One study found that as many as 30,000 New York families are at risk of eviction as a result of foreclosure without even knowing because they are not aware that their landlord has not paid the mortgage. To correct this situation, Senator Gillibrand worked to pass the *Protecting Tenants in Foreclosure Act*, which would provide tenants whose units are foreclosed on the right to live out their lease and receive a minimum of 90 days notice before the bank can ask them to leave.

Finally, to help reverse the decline in the housing market and enable more New Yorkers to own their home, Senator Gillibrand worked to pass an extension of the homebuyer tax credit into 2010. This tax credit allows New York families a tax credit of \$8,000 towards the purchase of their first home, and has been credited with arresting the decline in the housing market. Thanks to Senator Gillibrand's efforts, New Yorkers now have until the end of April to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Achieving The First Increase In UASI Security Assistance For Non-Profits Since The Program Was First Created.** At Senator Gillibrand's urging, the FY2010 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill included \$19 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative's non-profit grants program. This funding goes to non-profits to help protect against terrorist attacks, such as the attempted attacks on a Jewish community center and synagogue in the Bronx. The funding is the first increase in funding for UASI since the program's establishment.

**New York Farmers Can Now Slice and Package Local Produce For Schools.** After leading the fight on behalf of New York farmers, Senator Gillibrand received a commitment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will allow New York farmers to process fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables for children to snack on in New York schools. In February, Senator Gillibrand sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack requesting a change to an administrative rule barring local farmers from delivering pre-cut and packaged fruit and vegetables to schoolchildren. In September, on a phone call with the USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan, Senator Gillibrand received a commitment from the USDA to reverse this interpretation and open up the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program to allow local farmers to participate.

**Created Local Food Initiative.** Senator Gillibrand lead a successful bipartisan effort to have the USDA create a taskforce to coordinate the local agriculture programs contained in the 2008 Farm Bill. The USDA “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food” Initiative will help provide financial and technical support for local agriculture in New York.

**Worked To Release Federal Child Care Dollars For New York.** At the urging of Senator Gillibrand, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided spending and reporting guidelines for counties that received child care funds in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*. New York State’s Office of Children & Family Services received \$96.8 million in May to help provide New York families with affordable child care over the next two years. Until September 25, local officials had been unable to spend these funds because the federal government had yet to offer guidelines for the program. Counties can spend these federal dollars to meet a broad range of needs for their child care centers, including restoring kindergarten seats, saving child care programs from getting cut, and paying for salaries. These federal dollars are expected to help approximately 123,000 New York children enrolled in child care programs.

**Secured \$5.1 Billion For The Home Energy Assistance (HEAP) Program.** Senator Gillibrand helped pass the Omnibus Appropriations bill for this year, including \$5.1 billion in HEAP funding – the largest amount Congress has ever allocated for the program that helps seniors and low-income families heat their homes for the winter. New York State is expected to receive more than \$475 million in HEAP grants and more than \$60 million for disaster relief and other emergencies.

**Helped Extend Public Comment Period For Hydrofracking.** At Senator Gillibrand’s urging, New York State extended the public comment period on the natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale through the end of the year. Senator Gillibrand wrote the letter to Governor Paterson on October 15, and the extension was announced on November 4.

**Key Senate Panel Passed Amendment To Investigate Trace Amounts Of Pharmaceuticals Found In New York Water.** The Environment and Public Works Committee approved Senator Gillibrand’s amendment to study the presence of pharmaceutical drugs in drinking water and the long term health effects on children and families. Senator Gillibrand offered this amendment in response to reports of trace amounts of pharmaceuticals, including estrogen and codeine, found in New York waterways and around the country.

**Passed Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.** Senator Gillibrand voted to pass the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which reauthorizes and expands the AmeriCorps program, first established in 1993, and reauthorizes and reforms national service laws. It increases public service of working adults by establishing a tax incentive for employers who allow employees to take paid leave for full-time service.

**Senator Gillibrand co-sponsored Senator Kennedy’s Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill.** The freedom from discrimination is a basic right that all Americans should enjoy and the recently passed hate crimes legislation condemned the poisonous message that some human beings deserve to be victimized solely because of their race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity and justice demands that we will no longer stand for it. The Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 authorizes assistance for state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials for hate crime investigations and prosecutions which Senator Gillibrand believes is the first step to combating this type of violence. Hate Crimes are serious, well-documented problems that remain inadequately prosecuted and recognized. Senator Gillibrand is committed to

providing assistance to New York's local law enforcement agencies and local agencies across the nation to help prevent these crimes from occurring.

**Passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:** Senator Gillibrand voted to pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which authorizes approximately \$787 billion in new spending and tax cuts. The legislation seeks to stimulate the economy by preserving and creating jobs, assisting the unemployed and uninsured, and providing state budget relief while making investments in infrastructure, education, science, health, and energy efficiency. This bill was a critical part of our government's efforts to improve the economy for all working families.

**Passed Credit CARD Act:** Senator Gillibrand cosponsored the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act which expands consumer protections for people using credit cards. The legislation bans credit card companies from using double-cycle billing, a practice card companies use to charge interest on debts that have already been paid on time, and limits universal default, which increases the interest rate on a credit card based on information unrelated to that card. The Act generally prohibits retroactive application of interest rate increases and, along with restricting certain fees, mandates that fees and charges that result from violations of credit card agreements be "reasonable and proportional." With so many families dealing with massive credit card debt, this reform is critical as families work to get back on track financially.

**Passed Unemployment Compensation Extension Act .** Senator Gillibrand voted in favor of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act, which extends federal unemployment insurance by 14 weeks. An additional six weeks of benefits are available in states with unemployment rates of 8.5 percent or higher. Depending on state residency, an unemployed individual can currently obtain unemployment benefits for a maximum of 79 weeks.

**Passed The Military Family Protection Act.** Senator Gillibrand was a cosponsor of this legislation which passed as part of the Agriculture Appropriations. This bill permanently exempts combat pay from counting as income for federal child nutrition and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) programs. Despite precedent for honoring combat pay in other important programs, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC includes the additional, temporary combat pay for military personnel in a family's income level when determining eligibility for the program. Combat pay has been exempted from eligibility determinations for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This provision ensures military families are not excluded from critical nutrition programs by requiring state agencies to permanently exclude combat pay from income when determining eligibility for child nutritional programs, including WIC.

**Helped Secure Temporary Protected Status For Haitians Living In The U.S.** At the urging of Senator Gillibrand, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano granted temporary protected status for Haitians now living in America. Senator Gillibrand made her case to the President the morning after a record-breaking earthquake devastated the capital city of Haiti. This designation will allow Haitians living in America to continue living and working here for the next 18 months.

**In Wake Of H1N1 Outbreak, Secured Travel Change Fee Waiver From Airlines.** On April 30, Senator Gillibrand urged the CEO's of the major airlines (Delta, Northwest, American, Continental, US Airways, United and JetBlue) to extend the timeline to waive change fees for passengers traveling to and from Mexico at the outbreak of H1N1. Following her call, each of the airlines extended their waiver periods for their passengers to change their travel plans without penalty.

**First U.S. Senator To Urge Temporary Closing Of Chicago Lock To Stop Spread Of Asian Carp.** On December 11, Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, urged the federal government to temporarily close the O'Brien and Chicago Locks as a temporary management solution to stop the spread of Asian Carp making their way into the Great Lakes and toward New York's waterways. The economy and the ecosystem of the entire Great Lakes region are at risk because of the imminent threat of the invasive Asian Carp. Current efforts to control the spread of Asian Carp include two electrical barriers around Chicago where the Mississippi River links to the Great Lakes. However, these efforts have fallen short, with evidence showing that Asian Carp may have migrated past the electrical barrier. The DNA evidence found implies that the Asian Carp may now be as close as 6 miles from Lake

Michigan, 20 miles closer than previously thought. The invasion of Asian Carp into Lake Michigan is significant, since at that point they will have the ability to migrate to all of the Great Lakes. In addition, Senator Gillibrand helped pass the *Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act* out of the EPW committee which would crack down on the importation and shipment of the bighead species of carp to help stop their spread throughout New York waterways, and help restore the natural order of our ecosystem.

**Leader in Advancing Great Lakes Clean-Up and Protection.** On April 30, Senator Gillibrand became an original cosponsor of the S. 933, Great Lakes Legacy Act – legislation that reauthorizes the Contaminated Sediments Program, which provides funds for clean-up efforts at various “Areas of Concern” from the St. Lawrence River in Massena to the Buffalo River. The Great Lakes Legacy Act was reported out of the EPW Committee with the Senator’s assistance on June 30, 2009, and is awaiting consideration on the Senate floor. On October 2, 2009, Senator Gillibrand called on Congressional Appropriators to fully-fund the President’s request for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding in the final Interior, EPA and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. On October 28, the Conference Report was published with the full funding requested by the Senator for \$475 million dollars to address wide ranging issues in the Great Lakes region from aquatic invasives, to non-source point pollution, to efforts to clean up contaminated sediment.

**Successfully Urged The President To Issue Disaster Declarations And Provide Disaster Assistance To New York Counties Hit By Natural Disasters.** Senator Gillibrand successfully urged the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the President to adopt disaster declarations for several New York counties in response to several severe weather incidents. These include declarations for Nassau and Suffolk Counties in December in response to beach erosion from Hurricane Ida, assistance for Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chenango, Cortland, and Erie Counties in September in response to severe flooding, and Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, and Washington Counties in March in response to a winter ice storm.

**Helped Secure More Than \$39 Million For The ION Upstate New York Rural Broadband Initiative.** The ION Upstate New York Rural Broadband Initiative was awarded \$39,724,614 from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. Senator Gillibrand offered strong support and guidance to ION as they applied for these stimulus funds. The ION initiative proposes to build 10 new segments of fiber-optic, middle mile broadband infrastructure, serving more than 70 rural communities in upstate New York. The ION project plans to construct a 1,308-mile network to offer high-speed Internet to more than 300 anchor institutions and immediately connect more than 100, including libraries, state and community colleges, state and county agencies, and health clinics. ION plans to extend its relationship with the New York State Office for Mental Health, along with the Basset Hospital and Healthcare System, to expand many of its telemedicine practices.

**Hosted Eighth Annual New York Farm Day.** Senator Gillibrand invited producers of New York’s award-winning wines, farm-fresh products and fresh seafood, as well as leading restaurateurs to travel to Washington to showcase the quality and diversity of New York’s agriculture, and its importance to the state’s economy. Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton hosted New York Farm Day during her time as New York’s junior senator, and Senator Gillibrand continued the tradition. With approximately one-quarter of New York made up of farmland and an agriculture sector contributing nearly \$4 billion to the state’s economy each year, Farm Day offers an ideal opportunity to showcase the importance and quality of New York’s agricultural industry.

**Hosted First Annual High-Tech/Innovation Showcase.** Senator Gillibrand invited high-tech companies and research institutions from across New York to showcase in the nation’s capital the exciting ways in which they are driving economic growth throughout the state and advancing technologies to address some of the most important national issues such as health care, energy and education. Attendees had the opportunity to see first-hand high-tech demos and research displays showcasing cutting-edge innovations and the many ways in which New York is leading the way in these emerging industries. This event brought together many of the nation’s premier innovators and high-tech leaders from the private sector, academia and the government to discuss the critical importance of innovation to job creation, quality of life and our continued global competitiveness.

**Senator Gillibrand's Office Hosted 17 Senior Fraud Workshops** in every region of the state, with nearly 1,000 seniors participating and learning how to protect themselves and their families against fraud.

**Senator Gillibrand's Office Hosted 8 Grant Workshops** throughout the state, with approximately 600 participants to discuss the process of applying for grants. Local elected officials, farmers, small business owners, town planers, and others learned about the federal grant process and programs to improve infrastructure and bolster small business.

## **WESTERN NEW YORK**

**Helped Western New York Tire Makers.** Senator Gillibrand worked to protect workers in the Western New York tire industry. At Senator Gillibrand's urging, the International Trade Commission (ITC) held a hearing on tires imported from China that were hurting the domestic tire industry. The hearing resulted in a favorable ruling which helped save the jobs of close to 1,000 workers at the Goodyear-Dunlop facility in the Town of Tonawanda.

**Advocated on Behalf Of Residents Near Tonawanda Coke.** Senator Gillibrand worked to protect the health of and environment for citizens in Tonawanda. When the Tonawanda Coke plant was revealed to be emitting harmful cancer-causing benzene emissions, Senator Gillibrand worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on this issue, writing a letter to the EPA and speaking directly to EPA administrator Lisa Jackson. Since Senator Gillibrand's action on the issue, federal agents have raided Tonawanda Coke and a top official has been arrested on charges of violating environmental law.

**Helped Bring Yahoo! To Western New York.** Senator Gillibrand worked with the local leaders and the Congressional Delegation to bring Yahoo! to the Lockport Industrial Park, which is expected to create an estimated 125 new jobs for Western New York. Yahoo! is set to break ground this spring.

**Helped Grape-Growers Affected By Spring And Summer Storms.** Senator Gillibrand helped grape-growers affected by the 2009 spring storms in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Erie, which devastated the local grape industry. Senator Gillibrand worked to obtain a disaster declaration and subsequent emergency relief funding for the affected world class vineyards of Western New York.

**Delivered Aid For Summer Flood Victims.** Senator Gillibrand worked to bring emergency aid to the summer 2009 flood victims in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Erie Counties. Senator Gillibrand worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to distribute information on applying for aid to individuals, businesses and municipalities to apply for the federal aid. Senator Gillibrand also worked to get Individual Assistance for people affected by the storm, which wasn't originally included.

**Secured Funds To Combat Emerald Ash Borer.** Senator Gillibrand continued her fight to ensure New York State receives federal funding to combat the Emerald Ash Borer. The disease is threatening New York's 900 million ash trees, which are part of the billion dollar timber industry in New York supplying furniture makers, hardware stores and the wood for Louisville Slugger baseball bats, according to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill had \$39,705,000 for Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring, Containment, and Eradication, and included New York as one of the 13 states that are affected by this invasive pest.

**Renamed Orchard Park Post Office In Honor Of Jack Kemp.** Senator Gillibrand introduced legislation with Senator Schumer and Congressman Higgins to rename the U.S. Post Office at 60 School Street in Orchard Park for the late Western New York athlete and Congressman Jack Kemp. The legislation was signed into law on November 30.

**Renamed Jamestown Post Office After Stan Lundine.** On June 19, 2009, President Obama signed into law legislation by Senators Gillibrand and Schumer and Congressman Higgins to dedicate the Jamestown Post Office as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building." In August, Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Higgins held a ceremony with Stan Lundine in Jamestown to unveil the new sign for the building.

**Secured \$300,000 for the Women's Bone Center.** Senator Gillibrand secured the federal dollars for the Erie County Medical Center Corporation for the establishment of a Women's Bone Health Center

**Secured \$925,000 for the Niagara Falls International Airport.** Senator Gillibrand secured the federal dollars to help rehabilitate a runway at Niagara Falls International Airport. This project will create an estimated 50 jobs.

**Secured \$200,000 In Federal Funding for the Richardson Complex.** Senator Gillibrand secured the federal funding to begin the first phase of rehabilitation to develop the area as a landscape open to the public including a park and walking paths at the Richardson Olmstead Complex.

**Secured \$800,000 For The CUBRC – Automated Sample Preparation (ASP) for Biological Detection.** This project will fund the advancement and the development and testing of a prototype ASP system and expand the list of biological agents that can be detected. The ASP has the ability to process both environmental and clinical biological samples for subsequent analysis on both nucleic acid and/or immunoassay detection/diagnostic systems and when mated to currently fielded and new detection systems will enhance warfighter capability to detect and identify hundreds of potential targets simultaneously within a single analysis on a single detection/diagnostic platform. This project is estimated to create approximately 10 jobs.

**Secured \$2 Million For Hauptman Woodward Medical Research Institute – Identification of New Drug Targets in Multi-Drug Resistant Bacterial Infections.** This project will address the recent rapid increase of severe opportunistic post-wound infections in the warfighter caused by the drug and multi-drug resistant bacteria *Acinetobacter baumannii*. The project will identify new antibacterial drug targets and develop novel lead drug compounds with the goal of acquiring effective treatments against difficult and dangerous infections. This project is estimated to create approximately 12 jobs.

**Secured \$950,000 For Daemen College Alternative Energy/Geothermal Technologies Demonstration Program.** This initiative will educate students on alternative energy, by developing a curriculum, workshop programs and constructing a heating and cooling system that will serve as a model for energy efficiency. This initiative will create an estimated 20 jobs.

**Secured \$117,500 For The City Of Buffalo Clean Energy Incubator.** This initiative will provide funding to establish a new clean energy business incubator project in Buffalo's "Green Belt." The funding will convert a grain elevator site into a centralized hub for green job economic development efforts which are key to Buffalo's revitalization and future prosperity. It will help meet the demand for ethanol in the North Atlantic region and promote Buffalo as an alternative energy leader. This project is estimated to create approximately 65 new jobs.

**Secured \$5.7 Million For Niagara Falls Air Force Base Indoor Small Arms Range.** The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has a requirement for a modern firing range which would support the requirements of the Base wings, the units of the new Armed Forces Regional Readiness Center, and Department of Homeland Security tenants. The current number of firing line positions is inadequate to satisfy the volume of monthly training requirements which has grown with the addition of the Regional Readiness Center at the Base. Furthermore, without an indoor firing range, personnel must shoot at an off-base outdoor firing range. Due to the extreme weather conditions in the Buffalo area, the Wing loses several months of weapons qualifying each year. This new Small Arms Range will allow personnel to satisfy mandatory weapons training as well as meeting safety and environmental requirements. The construction of a firing range to meet the military requirements would also serve as an asset for additional Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tenants which would offset the construction costs and reduce Base Operations Support costs to the Department of Defense.

**Secured \$779,200 For The City of Niagara Falls – International Railway Stations/Intermodal Transportation Center.** This initiative constructs a new transportation facility that will improve public safety and rail operations. It will house

enhanced facility for the Department of Homeland Security to adequately protect our border crossing. This project will create an estimated 430 jobs.

**Secured \$1,548,000 For The Army Corps Buffalo Harbor.** This federal investment will be used to perform necessary operations and maintenance of the harbor, including project condition surveys for \$60,000, structure repair of the South Breakwater for \$620,000 snagging and clearing of debris from the harbor for \$45,000, preparation of maintenance dredging for \$35,000 and structure repair of the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) #4 for \$788,000.

**Secured \$90,000 For The Niagara River Watershed.** This funding will be used to complete the Initial Watershed Assessment and begin a Detailed Watershed Assessment, resulting in a Watershed Plan. This comprehensive watershed study will result in a strategic plan to guide sustainable development and environmental restoration in the watershed. The plan will recommend alternatives and measures to address comprehensive ecosystem restoration, including habitat and wetland restoration, prevention of future environmental losses, elimination of bacterial loadings and pollutants of concern, improvements to navigation channels, analysis of flood control operations to ensure that they are meeting evolving conditions, and improvement of combined sanitary sewers and home sewage disposal.

## **ROCHESTER / FINGER LAKES REGION**

**Secured Federal Commitment To Fund University of Rochester Laser Lab.** Senator Gillibrand was part of a delegation wide push to increase the funding for the University of Rochester's Laboratory for Laser Energetics (LLE) for fiscal year 2010, reaffirming the federal government's strong support of the facility's cutting-edge research into the nation's energy future. This funding, a \$4.5 million increase over President Obama's Budget Request, brings the total appropriation to approximately \$60 million.

**Secured Full Funding For Fuel Cell Research And Development.** Senator Gillibrand urged Appropriators to fully fund fuel cell research and development after the money was cut in the President's budget. These federal dollars are critical to Rochester companies including GM, Delphi Automotive, Kodak, and Harris RF Communications, as well as institutions like the University of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology. The federal dollars were restored in the final bill.

**Held Senate Hearing For Delphi Retirees.** Senator Gillibrand successfully called on HELP Committee Chairman Harkin to hold a hearing on behalf of all salaried pensions for Delphi retirees. GM dropped obligations to salaried workers but not hourly workers.

**Secured Financing For Infotonics Technology Corporation.** Senator Gillibrand worked with Infotonics Technology Corporation to secure USDA financing to restructure debt. They were successful in getting the USDA financing and Genesee Regional Bank to loan the money.

**Submitted Testimony to the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.** The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission held a hearing in Rochester on the "Impact of Trade with China on New York State and Opportunities for Economic Growth." Senator Gillibrand submitted testimony urging to protect New York jobs and industries. Senator Gillibrand called on the Commission to develop strong policies that ensure a fair playing field for American businesses and workers.

**Honored The Widow Of A Vietnam Veteran's Request To Obtain Her Late Husband's War Medals.** When Ms. Diane Mesmer's husband died in 2002, Veterans Affairs informed her that he was awarded seven medals for his service. Years of futile attempts led the Geneva resident to ask Senator Gillibrand to retrieve the awards in memory of her late husband. Senator Gillibrand honored her request, securing all seven medals, including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. In August, a memorial was held for Ms. Mesmer's husband John Meser at Glenwood cemetery.

**Secured \$340,900 For Rochester's Midtown Plaza Redevelopment Project.** This initiative will benefit the economic development of Rochester by providing for the revitalization of the old Midtown Plaza in downtown. This is a public/private partnership that is expected to create an estimated 1,500 jobs in Rochester.

**Secured \$13.6 Million For Rochester Army Reserve Center.** The funds will be used to construct an Army Reserve Center (ARC) in Rochester, which will include administrative and organizational buildings designed to house headquarters, arms rooms and logistics/supply rooms. When these facilities are completed, units will have modern and revitalized facilities from which to support their missions. The buildings will be of permanent construction with reinforced concrete foundations, concrete floor slabs, structural steel frames, masonry veneer walls, standing seam metal roof, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, mechanical systems, security systems, and electrical systems. Supporting facilities include land clearing, paving, fencing, general site improvements, and extension of utilities to serve project. Accessibility for the disabled will be provided.

**Secured \$1 Million For Monroe County Department of Environmental Services' Mill Seat Landfill Bioreactor Renewable Green Power Project.** This initiative will harness methane created at the Mill Seat Landfill in Riga, providing a source of renewable energy which will protect the environment and provide revenue for the County. This project will create an estimated 24 jobs.

**Secured \$200,000 For Monroe County's Regional Crime Laboratory Biology/DNA Module.** The current backlog in the DNA area is 4 ½ years. This module is expected to reduce it to 30 days. This project is designed to increase casework throughput in the Biology Section and add new DNA capabilities. This will allow the laboratory to analyze more biological evidence by increasing the capacity for screening evidence for biological fluids and then applying new DNA technology to develop genetic profiles to solve cases and help reduce casework backlogs. DNA evidence is being pursued in most crimes and providing more evidence than the present facility can handle. New evidence examination areas, workstations, hoods and equipment will be purchased to handle this casework. This project is estimated to create 100 jobs.

**Secured \$36,589,000 For Construction And Renovation At The Canandaigua VA Medical Facility.** The funding will be used to construct a new 120-bed Community Living Center (CLC) and a new or renovated 50-bed domiciliary facility along with complete renovation of several existing buildings for outpatient care services and administrative services at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua.

## **CENTRAL NEW YORK**

**Improved The Military's Efforts To Recruit And Train Cybersecurity Professionals.** The Defense Authorization bill included language developed by Senator Gillibrand that would help move the Defense Department to review and advance its efforts to recruit cybersecurity professionals and protect our nation from cyber attacks. Specifically, the legislation would require the Department of Defense to review its efforts to recruit new personnel, how best to improve its access to cybersecurity professionals, its efforts to integrate Defense Department workers into U.S. Cybercommand, and the training and career advancement of cybersecurity professionals working within DOD. In Central New York, this language will help the Defense Department take advantage of resources like Rome Labs, which conducts specialized research in cybersecurity, and work to attract more cybersecurity experts to the area.

**Secured \$400,000 For Syracuse University's Say Yes to Education.** This initiative will serve inner-city children, by supporting after-school programs with proven record of success in closing the achievement gap. It will offer support systems that are geared toward preparing students by addressing academic, social, physical and financial obstacles to educational success. This project will create an estimated 16 jobs.

**Secured \$117,500 For Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce – Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP).** This initiative will provide technical assistance and engineering expertise to small businesses resulting in improved commercial products as well as creating and retaining jobs. The project will provide for direct technical



support and program assistance, marketing outreach to small businesses, impact studies and monitoring. This project is estimated to create approximately 300 jobs.

**Secured \$300,000 For Army Corps For The Oswego Harbor.** FY10 funding will be used to perform Engineering and Design for the East and West Arrowhead Breakwater Repair. Located at the entrance of the Lake Approach Channel, the arrowheads are part of a 100 year old, 10,000 foot breakwater system protecting the harbor, and have deteriorated due to the cumulative effects of wave and freeze thaw action.

**Secured \$200,000 For Oswego County – Central New York Interoperable Communications Consortium.** This initiative will provide the means to allow five counties to create a common voice interoperable infrastructure and network. It is the intent of the award to help pay for the network connections and related infrastructure to link participating counties into a loop protected microwave link allowing all counties in the region to remain operational in the event of a major failure on any one county microwave links. This network will allow all counties to share the Master site with Onondaga and is consistent with the SAFECOM National standards. Furthering interoperable communications among all first responders within the five counties of Oswego, Onondaga, Madison, Cayuga and Cortland. This project is estimated to create approximately 50 jobs.

**Secured \$500,000 SUNY-ESF/NYSDEC, Division of Lands & Forests Partnership Technology to Combat Asian Long-Horned Beetles in New York Forests.** This initiative will establish and operate 5-7 strategic Demonstration Sites in the Northern Forest, Catskills, and the Southern Tier to stop Asian Long-Horn Beetles from spreading. The trees preferred as hosts by the Asian Long-Horned Beetle are hardwoods, which compose the majority of the Northeast United States mixed hardwood forests critical to New York rural economic vitality. These forests also impact wood-based renewable energy industries, New York State water quality, and sequestration of carbon and greenhouse gases known to contribute to climate change. There is no wide-scale proactive protection technology deployed today and the threat is moving north toward the Catskill and west toward the Adirondacks and the Southern Tier. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation is an economic, social and environmental disaster waiting to happen. This project is estimated to create approximately 12 jobs.

**Secured \$420,000 for Madison County Courthouse.** The federal recovery funding will be used to renovate Madison County's 45 year-old courthouse with green and energy efficient upgrades. The money will be used to re-configure the heating and air distribution vent system, replace window gaskets, replace light fixtures, and replace ceilings.

**Secured \$2.3 Million For A Streetscape Project In Whitestown.** Oriskany Boulevard in Whitestown underwent eight miles of paving, new signs, stop lights, curbs, and sidewalks. This project is expected to create an estimated 60 jobs.

**Secured \$410,000 For The Truxton Depot-Alive Again Project.** Truxton in Cortland County received almost \$410,000 to complete the restoration of a former rail depot, including interior and exterior renovations and will include the installation of parking and sidewalks. The plan will also include an access road in the town of Truxton, to be built.

**Secured \$7.7 Million In Funding For The Bartell Road Bridge Over I-81 In Cicero.** This \$ 7.7 million bridge replacement project will replace the Bartell Road bridge over Interstate 81 in Cicero. It will improve safety for all motorists and will give large trucks the ability to maneuver better while traveling on interstate 81.

## **SOUTHERN TIER**

**Helped Fix Railroad Crossing In Conklin.** Senator Gillibrand successfully advocated for the repair of the railroad crossing on Shaw Road and County Road 40 by Canadian Pacific Railway in Conklin through outreach to the Federal Railroad Administration.

**Helped Restore The COBRA Health Insurance For A 61 Year-Old Unemployed Nurse.** The Broome county resident's health care provider canceled her health insurance because the premium payment needed during the grace period

never arrived. The unemployed nurse, who has multiple pre-existing conditions said she sent the payment in on time. At Senator Gillibrand's request, the Department of Labor reviewed her case and reinstated her health insurance.

**Secured \$3,654,000 For Cornell University's USDA/ARS Center for Grape Genetic.** This initiative will construct a state-of-the-art federal research facility for grape genetic research at the Cornell University Agriculture and Food Technology Park in Geneva. This project will advance important biological research. Because New York is the third largest wine producing state in the nation, this facility will help provide critical research to grow New York's economy.

**Secured \$693,000 For Cornell University's Livestock and Dairy Policy Special Research Grant.** This initiative will evaluate national policy proposals regarding the dairy and livestock industries. The program provides the market expertise and empirical tools to analyze a wide variety of dairy policy and regulatory options to further the industry and work to achieve fairness, access, availability and diversity in markets. Both USDA and Congress rely on this program for comprehensive analysis of policy proposals.

**Secured \$4 Million For Binghamton University's Supercapacitors for Integrated Power Storage.** This project will be conducted through the Center for Autonomous Solar Power (CASP) at Binghamton University, which is researching and developing 3rd generation large area, flexible, light weight solar cells to meet scientific challenges in reducing the cost of solar power and enhancing energy efficiency. The supercapacitors for integrated power storage research focuses on developing new materials to push ultracapacitors to new performance levels, improving the power density and/or energy density of capacitive energy storage devices. Because the electrical energy needs of the modern military operations are significant and diverse, this research will create a more rational power distribution system for the DOD. This project is estimated to create approximately 100 jobs.

**Secured \$500,000 For Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development (SCOPED) – Watkins Glen, Schuler County Gas Storage Project.** This initiative will increase natural gas storage capacity in excavated salt caverns close to New York City. This project is expected to create an estimated 28 jobs.

**Secured \$3.3 Million For Tioga Opportunities Program Inc. In Owego For 500 Units To Be Weatherized.** Tioga Opportunities opened an office in Binghamton and added 10 jobs to fill the weatherization demands for 500 units to be weatherized.

**Secured \$4 Million In Recovery Funds For The City Of Binghamton For Street Improvement Projects, Demolitions And New Construction.** The City of Binghamton used ARRA funds for road repairs in commercial zones, homeless prevention programs, demolitions of unsightly buildings, upgrades to street lights, and \$1.3 million for Main Street, 1.8 mile road through a business district that has not been paved in 18 years. In addition, \$1.3 million will go to the new Carlisle Center, the development of a 7,000 square-foot community center at Carlisle Apartments, which are operated by the Binghamton Housing Authority (BHA) in partnership with the City of Binghamton and will provide recreational opportunities for youth.

## **NORTH COUNTRY**

**Secured \$1.5 Million In Federal Funding for Northern Border Regional Commission to Help Spark Rural Renewable Energy Opportunities.** Senator Gillibrand secured federal dollars for the Northern Border Regional Commission to help address the community and economic development needs of the most severely distressed areas of New York, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont and help grow the entire region's economy.

**North County Designated As High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.** Senator Gillibrand worked with New York's Congressional Delegation to secure more federal resources to combat drug smuggling networks through its designation as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Clinton, Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties are now part of the HIDTA program. Senator Gillibrand will continue her efforts to secure designation for the fourth applicant, Jefferson County.

**Renamed Ogdensburg Post Office in Honor of Frederic Remington.** In August, Senator Gillibrand announced passage of legislation to have the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building” in honor of Frederic Remington, a famous artist who grew up in Ogdensburg. The legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman John McHugh. Last year was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Frederic Remington’s death.

**Secured Nearly \$2 Million For The Trudeau Institute To Study Influenza.** Senator Gillibrand secured \$445,000 in federal recover dollars to advance research and treatment of influenza by studying how memory T cells are generated to fight re-infection, which could lead to new vaccines against pathogens that continually mutate. In addition, Senator Gillibrand secured \$1.6 million to research the impact and efficacy of combining influenza vaccinations with antiviral prophylaxis. This project is estimated to create approximately 75 jobs.

**Secured \$5.3 Million In Federal Recovery Dollars To Help Potsdam Telecommunication Company Expand Service.** Slic Network Solutions will use the federal funding to expand its service into remote areas of Franklin County. Slic will construct 136 miles of fiber-optic cable to deliver broadband service to rural communities in the North Country.

**Secured \$3.5 Million For Law Enforcement.** Law enforcement agencies across the North Country received federal dollars to expand their efforts to protect New York’s international border with Canada. The State received more than \$3.5 million from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be spent on local law enforcement, as part of an ongoing effort to enhance cooperation between local and national agencies. The grants are part of Operation Stonegarden, an initiative begun in 2006 to enhance cooperation and coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Twelve counties and one tribe were awarded a total of \$3,558,187.

**Secured \$5 Million for Cybersecurity for Clarkson University.** Senator Gillibrand secured \$5 million for ITT Advanced Engineering and Sciences in a partnership with Clarkson University to expand their involvement in cybersecurity research. ITT and Clarkson University will use its funding to finance a project that would conceptualize and demonstrate the technologies needed to coordinate, plan and execute active defensive cyber campaigns. The plan will determine the effects associated with an offensive cyber weapon and monitor and evaluate events that occur in cyberspace. The goal of the project is to ultimately achieve situational awareness of cyberspace and achieve dominance within that critical realm. This project is estimated to create approximately 30 jobs.

**Secured \$700,000 for Massena Airfield.** Senator Gillibrand secured \$700,000 for the Massena International-Richards Field to replace airfield signage.

**Secured More Than \$3 Million In Federal Recovery Funding for Infrastructure Upgrades for the North Country.** Senator Gillibrand secured \$1,400,000 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take on a broad range of civil works projects for the North Country. The federal dollars will help support job creation, rebuild and strengthen critical infrastructure, and enhance security for the North Country. Specifically, \$1,400,000 will be used to replace construction and barge equipment on the site on the Hudson River and the Narrows to Lake Champlain and \$2,450,000 will be used to repair outdated rock breakwater to improve navigation safety for vessels in the Plattsburgh Harbor.

**Helped Cancel Nearly \$3,000 In Penalty Payments Wrongly Charged To Jefferson County’s American Legion Post No. 916.** The veterans’ organization, which would have been forced to close its doors with repayment, said they had correctly filed their tax returns. Senator Gillibrand asked the IRS to review the constituent’s account again, which led to cancellation of the penalty fee.

**Secured \$200,000 For The North Country Cultural Center for the Arts – Strand Restoration Project.** This initiative will benefit the economic development of Plattsburgh by providing funding for the restoration of the Strand Theatre. This project will revitalize the Theatre to its 1924 grandeur by turning it into a performing arts center that will provide a unique aspect of culture and art to the community. This project is estimated to create up to 50 jobs.

**Secured \$57 Million For Fort Drum Barracks.** The funding will be used to construct standard design barracks to house 466 unaccompanied Soldiers. Facilities will include information systems, fire protection systems and fire alarm control systems. Supporting facilities will include water, sewer, electric, gas, paving, walkways, storm drainage, site improvements and information systems.

**Secured \$21 Million For Fort Drum Warrior in Transition Complex.** The funding will be used to construct a standard design Warriors in Transition (WT) Complex to include WT Barracks, Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC), WT Administrative/Operations Facility and Special Foundations. Supporting facilities will include all necessary utilities, lighting, information systems, parking, sidewalks, roads, curbs and gutters, storm drainage, site accessories, landscaping, and other site improvements.

**Secured \$6.5 Million For Fort Drum Water System Expansion.** The funding will be used to construct replacement water storage tanks with cathodic protection systems. Storage is too low and pressure needs to be raised to meet minimum distribution system water pressure standards. Funding will change the existing pressure zones into five pressure zones, replace Water Distribution Lines, and connect fire hydrants to the existing potable water system.

## **CAPITAL REGION**

**Secured \$500,000 For The University at Albany (SUNY), College of Nanoscale, Science and Engineering (CNSE).** This initiative will provide increased technology infrastructure and equipment resources for advanced biomedical and nanomedical research in accordance with the requirements of the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the American Academy of Nanomedicine (AANM). This project is estimated to create approximately 250 jobs.

**Secured \$500,000 For University at Albany - Prototyping and Development of Commercial Nano-Crystalline Thin Film Silicon for Photovoltaic Manufacturing.** This initiative will promote energy security and work to reduce our dependence on foreign oil by developing a scalable commercial manufacturing process for photovoltaics. It will also add to the development of renewable energy jobs sector, helping to spur economic development in Upstate New York. This project is expected to create an estimated 50 jobs.

**Secured \$6.4 Million For Arsenal Business & Technology Partnership – Arsenal Support Program Initiative (ASPI).** This project will continue funding of the ASPI, an eight year old program that funds building renovations, site planning, job training and marketing programs designed to attract private businesses to use underutilized facilities at Army arsenals, including the one at Watervliet. These efforts support the Headquarters, U.S. Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command initiative to reduce Industrial Mobilization Capacity costs, enhance essential skills and support infrastructure improvements. This project is estimated to create approximately 300 jobs.

**Secured \$150,000 For Center for Economic Growth – Watervliet Innovation Center.** This initiative will create jobs and stimulate economic recovery by enabling early stage emerging technology companies to launch profitable, sustainable businesses in clean technology, homeland security and other high potential technologies. This project is estimated to create approximately 100 jobs.

**Secured \$2 Million For SUNY Cobleskill Biowaste-to-Bioenergy Center.** This project will support the SUNY Cobleskill Bioenergy Research Center's development of clean liquid and gas fuels through conversion of animal and municipal solid waste, with development of mobile technology for military application in the field. Development and deployment of this technology will enhance the armed services' ability to produce its own energy on bases, while mobile technology will save lives and lower the danger to our troops by reducing the need to transport waste and fuels to and from installations in theater. This project is estimated to create approximately 8 jobs.

**Responded To Sewer Main Break In Village Of Lake George.** Sewer waste was dumped in Lake George and closed beaches during summer tourist season. Senator Gillibrand's office met with the Mayor and Lake George Association and

urged the EFC to move the Lake Georges Sewer repair grant application from multi-year funding list to annual funding list. Senator Gillibrand's advocacy got application moved and project is now in line for funding in 2010.

**Saved Scotia Post Office.** Senator Gillibrand advocated on behalf of local residents to prevent U.S. Postal Service (USPS) from closing of the Village of Scotia Post Office. USPS removed Scotia from closure list.

**Federal Disaster Assistance For Village of Nassau.** Senator Gillibrand advocated to State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) and FEMA to release funds to the Village of Nassau that were being held up by red tape. The funds were reimbursed to the Village for damage incurred by flooding associated with multiple storms in 2008.

**Helped Waive Medical Payments Wrongly Charged To A Disabled Veteran For A Physical Examination That Never Took Place.** The Albany Veterans Affairs Medical Center incorrectly charged the Saratoga County resident for his medication and a procedure that was rescheduled for a later date. Senator Gillibrand was able to get the resident reimbursed.

**Secured Over \$11,000 In Social Security Payments That An 80 Year-Old Albany Resident Was Owed After Her Retirement Benefits Lapsed For Over Half A Year.** In addition to a retroactive sum, Ms. Geller-Kolchetski will be receiving \$1,404 each month going forward. Once her husband passed away in April 2009, her benefits were no longer covered by the Railroad Retirement Board and should have been transferred to the Social Security Administration. Ms. Geller-Kolchetski discovered that she was owed benefits since May 2009. After receiving no response from the Railroad Retirement Board, Ms. Geller-Kolchetski contacted Senator Gillibrand's office in November, which helped to ensure that her past and present benefits were promptly transferred.

**Secured Pension Benefits For An Albany Resident Who Was Unable To Receive Retirement Payments From The Honeywell Retirement Plan Since June 2008.** Senator Gillibrand worked with Department of Labor and Honeywell Retirement to expedite the required forms the resident needed to ensure payment.

**Secured Medicaid Coverage For A Washington County Resident After He Was Badly Injured In An ATV Accident.** Senator Gillibrand's request on behalf of the constituent prompted the Office of Medicaid management to approve his pending application and provide retroactive coverage.

## HUDSON VALLEY

**Saved Jobs At West Point From Being Privatized.** Senator Gillibrand worked with the Congressional Delegation to cancel a study which would have resulted in the outsourcing of hundreds of jobs at United States Military Academy at West Point. The study, referred to as an A-76 study, was used to compare the use of private versus public employees to ensure that the government does not waste taxpayers' money. However, an investigation by the Government Accountability Office highlighted the significant flaws inherent in the West Point study suggesting that it neither conclusively save money nor produce a more efficient output, and put federal employees at a disadvantage.

**Secured Commitment for Railroad Repairs In Middletown.** Senator Gillibrand received a commitment from the Federal Rail Authority (FRA) to complete critical repairs to railroad tracks in Middletown. Constituents in the area brought the worn down tracks to Senator Gillibrand, who took their concerns to the FRA and urged them to make repairs to the Crawford Industrial Track at Railroad Avenue, Wisner Avenue Crossing and other locations in the area. The Norfolk Southern Railway (NS), which owns and operates the railroad, committed to the FRA to make all necessary repairs at Railroad Avenue and expects to complete them by the end of September. NS also expects to have all missing crossbucks and emergency signage reinstalled at Cottage Street, Montgomery Street, Wickham Avenue and East Main Street in the same timeframe. NS also committed to making all necessary repairs to the Wisner Avenue Crossing and expects to complete repairs during spring of 2010. Missing crossbucks and emergency signage at this location will be reinstalled with the other locations by the end of September.

**Helped Start Up Company Participate In Green County Business Incubator.** C2 BioTechnologies, a start-up company in Germantown, was having trouble getting off the ground. The owner and sole employee was working out of a makeshift lab in his basement. Senator Gillibrand's office worked with him and the Greene County IDA, who has a successful, new small-business incubator. C2 BioTechnologies moved their lab to a local school and is utilizing interns from Hudson Valley Technical College.

**Helped Fireman's Home In Columbia County Receive Federal Disaster Assistance.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) denied disaster relief funds to the Fireman's Home for damages caused to their cemetery in the 2008 ice storm based on their belief that the cemetery was a separate entity. Senator Gillibrand helped appeal to FEMA, and ultimately their funding was granted.

**Secured Over \$5,800 In Disability Payments for 63 Year-Old Dutchess County Vet.** The Marine Corp vet requested Senator Gillibrand's help in obtaining increased benefits based on service-related hearing loss, diabetes and post-traumatic stress disorder. Senator Gillibrand secured nearly \$6,652 in retroactive payments in addition to \$2800 per month in disability payments for the Vietnam veteran – a 20 percent increase from his previous monthly payments.

**Secured Over \$36,000 In Disability Payments In Time For Vet To Pay Heating Bills.** Senator Gillibrand worked with the New York City Veterans Office to secure approximately \$33,000 in retroactive payments for a 47-year-old Army veteran suffering from Coronary Artery Disease that resulted from his service. Additionally, the Senator increased the Delaware County resident's monthly disability payments from \$965 a month to \$3,065 per month. Money came just in time for veteran and his wife to pay their electric and home heating bills.

**Helped Immaculate Conception Church Keep Associate Pastor After Head Pastor Fell Ill.** The church's 78-year-old Head Pastor, who has undergone open heart surgery and radiation therapy for throat cancer, wanted an Indian Foreign National to become the church's Associate Pastor. Senator Gillibrand facilitated the issuance of a religious visa, enabling the Associate Pastor to come to the United States to serve the church by holding daily mass, administering sacraments, and being involved in all parish programs.

**Helped Disenroll A Veteran From A Health Insurance Plan He Never Signed Up For.** The Sullivan senior already received full medical coverage from the Veterans Administration (VA) and was concerned when he received a bill for Medicare Prescription Drug plan which he did not want. Senator Gillibrand contacted the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to help cancel the constituent's enrollment.

**Helped Enroll An Ulster Senior In Medicare After She Missed The Deadline To Register For The Year.** The constituent did not receive necessary information from the Social Security Administration, opting to keep her private insurance plan while not enrolling in Medicare. When she discovered that many private health insurance plans will not pay for Medicare covered services for those 65 or older, she had passed the deadline for Medicare enrollment. Senator Gillibrand contacted the Social Security Administration to retroactively enroll the Ulster senior.

**Helped 18 Year-Old Pleasant Valley Teen Win Back The ROTC Scholarship.** Senator Gillibrand worked with officials from the Army ROTC and Embry-Riddle to ensure that the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) will be able to fully fund his tuition after a student's full scholarship to the world's top aeronautic university was taken away eight days before the start of classes. Currently, funding eight students has been reinstated.

**Passed The Martin Van Buren National Historic Site Protection Act.** Senator Kirsten Gillibrand secured passage of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act, legislation sponsored by then-Congresswoman Gillibrand and then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. This bill would enact a 2003 study by the National Park Service that will add approximately 261 acres to the current Park.

**Secured \$17.5 Million For The FDR Presidential Library and Museum Renovation.** This initiative will provide for comprehensive infrastructure renovation to meet modern life safety building codes and federal standards for archival

and historic collections. This will address interior restoration and renovation to correct infrastructure problems. New privately funded interactive museum galleries will be installed when the building is upgraded. This project is estimated to create up to 75 jobs.

**Secured \$500,000 For Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 – Western Ramapo Sewer Extension Project.** This initiative will benefit communities in Rockland County by replacing failing septic systems with a new sewer system and treatment plant, protecting local waterways from pollution. It will help to ensure that the Ramapo Aquifer, which is the sole source of potable water for 200,000 residents of Rockland County, remains free from pollution by aging and deteriorating small sewage plants.

**Secured \$1 Million For City of Mount Vernon’s Emergency Operations Center.** The federal investment will reconfigure, renovate and construct a Fire Station as Mount Vernon’s Emergency Operations Center.

**Secured \$150,000 For Westchester Medical Center Picture Archiving and Communication System and Radiology Information System technology upgrades.** This initiative will upgrade the currently outdated Picture Archiving and Communication System, as well as the Radiology Information System. Such upgrades will result in improved diagnostic quality, reduced turnaround time, integrate systems, feed clinical data registries and facilitate image distribution.

**Secured \$90,000 For The Army Corps - Upper Delaware River Watershed, Livingston Manor.** These funds will be used to investigate flood damage reduction and environmental restoration for the Little Beaver Kill and Willowemoc Creek in the Town of Rockland (Livingston Manor). The study was initially for the January 1996 storm event which caused more than \$15 million in damages in Delaware County. Consecutive major floods in September 2004, April 2005 and June 2006, again caused devastation along the main stem Delaware River and its tributaries, repeatedly damaging property and disrupting tens of thousands of lives. The study area is located in Sullivan County and encompasses the Willowemoc Creek watershed, including Little Beaver Kill Creek and Cattail Brook.

**Secured \$90,000 For The Army Corps - Upper Delaware River Watershed, Floodplain Reconnection.** These funds will be use to investigate flood damage reduction in the Upper Delaware River Basin by means of ecosystem restoration, particularly reconnecting rivers and streams with their floodplains. The study area is located in southeastern New York about 45 miles southwest of Albany and encompasses the Delaware River, its tributaries and four major sub-basins.

## NEW YORK CITY

### WORKING HARD ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO NEW YORK CITY

**Introduced The First Comprehensive 9/11 Health Legislation In The Senate.** Senator Gillibrand introduced the James Zadroga Health and Compensation Act, the first comprehensive 9/11 health legislation to be introduced in the Senate. The legislation would establish the World Trade Center Health Program, provide monitoring and treatment for World Trade Center responders and New Yorkers, expand the cap for access to medical and monitoring treatment, and reopen the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

**Introduced New Federal Measure to Crackdown on Illegal Guns.** Senator Gillibrand and Representative Carolyn McCarthy introduced a new federal measure aimed at eliminating the flow of illegal guns into New York. Nearly 90 percent of the guns used in gun crimes in New York City come from out of state, and an estimated 90 percent of these guns are illegal. The Gun Trafficking Prevention Act will make it illegal to traffick or assist in the trafficking of a firearm, enforce tough penalties, and crackdown on corrupt gun dealers. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, the Brady Campaign and New Yorkers Against Gun Violence support Senator Gillibrand and Representative McCarthy’s efforts to rid the city’s streets of illegal guns that have destroyed lives and communities.

**Introduced Important Environmental Law to Allow Greener Fleet of Taxi Cabs.** Senator Gillibrand and Representative Nadler introduced legislation allowing New York City along with other major cities across the country to create an all hybrid taxi cab fleet. Upgrading taxis to clean and more efficient vehicles can have a significant impact on air quality and carbon emissions. The bill was part of comprehensive climate change legislation which Senators John Kerry and Barbara Boxer introduced.

**Introduced Legislation to Reform Nation's Detention System.** The Menendez-Gillibrand bills require immigration authorities to follow appropriate due process when detaining individuals and to treat detainees humanely. Under the proposal, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement would be required to adopt minimum detention standards and the Secretary of Homeland Security would be responsible for ensuring that laws concerning the treatment of detainees are properly enforced.

**Passed Legislation to Protect Widows and Orphans of Deceased U.S. Citizens and Legal Permanent Residents.** The *Orphans, Widows and Widowers Protection Act*, which Senator Gillibrand co-sponsored and portions of which the Senate passed as part of the Homeland Security Appropriations bill, extends permanent relief to orphans, widows and widowers of U.S. citizens and orphans of U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. The provisions signed into law clarify that the government should continue to process the immigration applications of relatives of deceased U.S. citizens and permanent residents already waiting to receive an immigrant visa rather than deny the petition after the sponsoring relative's death.

**Introduced Legislation Protecting Staten Island Residential Discount Programs.** Senator Gillibrand introduced legislation protecting the residential discount programs on the Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay, Goethals, and Bayonne Bridges and the Outerbridge Crossing. Without the discount program, many Staten Islanders are faced with undue financial burden. In response to a court decision alleging that discount fare programs are unconstitutional, The *Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act of 2009* provides clarification of the existing authority of local governments to issue or grant transportation toll, user fee or fare discount programs based on residential status. It also provides Congressional authorization for discount programs. Representative Michael McMahon introduced *The Residential and Commuter Toll Fairness Act of 2009* in the House.

**Helped Extend Public Comment Period For Natural Gas Drilling.** At Senator Gillibrand's urging, New York State extended the public comment period on the natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale through the end of the year, which gave New York City residents the opportunity to voice their views and concerns about the hydraulic fracturing process. Senator Gillibrand wrote the letter to Governor Paterson on October 15, and the extension was announced on November 4.

**Introduced Federal Protection Requiring Oil Companies Disclose Chemicals Used in Hydrofracking.** Senator Gillibrand is working with Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) on the *Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act*, which would repeal a Bush Administration exemption for the oil and gas industry and would require them to disclose the chemicals used in their hydraulic fracturing processes. Currently, the oil and gas industry is the only industry exempt from complying with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Without additional federal protections, New York State would be solely responsible to handle potential adverse impacts associated with high volume hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus and Utica shale formations. Congressman Maurice Hinchey is the sponsor of the House version of this bill.

**Passed Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act To Expand Hate-Crimes Law Protecting Gay Victims.** Senator Gillibrand co-sponsored Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act to make anti-gay violence a hate crime. The bill, hailed as the first major federal gay rights legislation, expands the government's ability to prosecute crimes targeting gay victims and provides a federal backstop for state and local law enforcement to deal with hate crimes. In 2008, FBI reported an 11 percent increase in hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

**Secured Temporary Protected Status For Haitians Living In New York City.** At the urging of Senator Gillibrand, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano granted temporary protected status for Haitians currently living in New



York City and throughout the country, allowing them to stay for the next 18 months, legally work here and help support their families abroad. Senator Gillibrand made her case to the President the morning after a record-breaking earthquake devastated the capital city of Haiti.

## **SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR NEW YORK CITY**

### **Citywide**

**Secured \$19 Million In Anti-Terror Funding For Religious Institutions, Non-Profits.** After attempted bomb plots at two Bronx synagogues and a Jewish synagogue, Senator Gillibrand immediately requested additional funds for The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) non-profit program, securing a total \$19 million in 2009 – which is \$4 million more in anti-terror funding than in 2008, to help safeguard civil, religious and community institutions. This was the first increase in UASI funding since the program's 2003 start.

**Secured \$3.5 Million for WMD Civil Support Task Force and Fort Hamilton.** The \$700,000 initiative -- called the Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team -- will support an additional civil task force stationed at Fort Hamilton Army Base-- to provide immediate response in the event of a terrorist attack. More than \$2.5 million will help complete three critical rehabilitation projects at Fort Hamilton.

**Secured \$850,000 to Help Stop Youth Gun Violence in New York City.** The federal investment for the PAX SPEAK Up Campaign will empower more students with the resources they need to anonymously report threats of violence in their schools and communities, and prevent tragedies.

**Secured \$100,000 for the Academy for Medical Development and Collaboration Foundation.** The funding will be used to create an innovative electronic health data bank to combat diseases and improve health care treatment options for New York City's underserved minority communities.

**Secured \$1.6 Million for City University of New York Energy Institute.** This project will research the development of new energy technologies with low carbon footprints.

**Secured \$200,000 for the Covenant House.** The funding for the non-profit community's Stop Child Trafficking Project will help rescue vulnerable youth from exploitation. Teams of trained street outreach staff will expand efforts to target areas where isolated, unaccompanied youth are at risk of, or become victims of, trafficking, including centers of prostitution and gang activity, and work with victims to get off the streets and into safety.

**Secured \$117,500 for the Community Service Society of New York.** This initiative will help the city's low income residents to protect themselves against harmful subprime lending and understand money management. The program will train, mobilize, and supervise older adult volunteers to serve as community intermediaries, linking individuals with effective banking practices.

### **Brooklyn**

**Secured \$900,000 for Brooklyn College.** This project will enable research into new sources of biofuel and methods for processing fuels, reduce carbon emissions, and promote energy independence.

**Secured \$150,000 for the Urban Assembly New York Harbor High School in Brooklyn.** The funding will be used to steer New York City students toward a maritime career using the latest marine technology and a rigorous maritime-based curriculum. The federal investment will be used to improve its comprehensive curriculum through technology upgrades and its internship program pairing students with professionals in their chosen field.

**Secured \$100,000 for Boys Town New York.** The funding will be used to expand its Brooklyn and Bronx programs for at-risk boys and girls in the juvenile justice system, as well as their families.

**Secured \$300,000 for Ohel Children's Home and Family Services.** Investment in Ohel's At-Risk Youth and Child Abuse Prevention program will help improve the well-being of elementary and high school students through school-based services, community education, crisis intervention, psychological counseling, teacher training and mentoring.

### **The Bronx**

**Secured \$945,000 for Restoration of Orchard Beach in the Bronx.** Funding will be used to combat sand erosion at Orchard Beach and allow the Army Corps to complete construction of beachfill contract.

**Secured \$150,000 for South Bronx Health Center.** The Bronx center, which provides comprehensive medical care to an underserved community in one of the country's poorest neighborhoods, will use funding for new programs and medical equipment.

### **Manhattan**

**Secured \$250,000 for Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo!** This initiative will support a mentoring, education and development program targeting at-risk teens to prevent drop-outs, crime, violence and drug abuse by promoting sports and physical activities during after-school hours.

**Secured \$1 Million for the New School Green Building.** This initiative will construct a new, energy efficient LEED green building for use as the school's energy and environmental studies research and learning center. The project trains students how to become leaders on energy efficiency and green buildings.

### **Queens**

**Secured \$600,000 to Renovate Jamaica Station in Queens.** The Greater Jamaica Development Corporation will use this federal funding to renovate Jamaica Station's intersection between Archer Avenue and Sutphin Boulevard - a dangerous area prone to pedestrian accidents. The project will provide wider turning radius for buses, expanded sidewalks, pedestrian plazas, improved subway exits, new streets signs and lighting, and convenient retail stores for transit users.

**Secured \$242,000 for Beach Replenishment in the Rockaways.** This project will give the Army Corp funds to replenish sand in the Rockaways depleted by years of erosion and wave of storms.

**Secured \$500,000 for the New York Hall of Science in Queens.** This investment will train thousands of New York City science teachers at one of the nation's best science museums through development workshops.

### **Staten Island**

**Secured \$600,000 for Staten Island University Hospital.** The federal dollars will complete Phase II of Staten Island University Hospital's Emergency Room Construction Project, a new 40,000 square foot state of the art facility that will provide humanistic, technologically-advanced and efficient care and effectively serve over 75,000 patients each year.

**HELPING NEW YORK CITY CONSTITUENTS** *In 2009, Senator Gillibrand closed more than 1,200 cases across New York, cutting through bureaucratic tape to assist New York seniors, veterans, students, and constituents on a wide range of issues, from helping immigrant constituents to fixing health insurance problems to accessing unemployment benefits. New York City's immigrants, in particular, have difficulty navigating through the federal process and have reached out to Senator Gillibrand's office for help. Below are highlights of cases that Senator Gillibrand has worked on to help solve city constituents' problems:*

**Reunited Dominican Mother with Cancer-Stricken Bronx Daughter.** Senator Gillibrand expedited visa issuance for a mother from the Dominican Republic reuniting her with her 10-year-old Bronx daughter, who is suffering from acute leukemia and currently undergoing intensive chemotherapy at Children's Hospital at Montefiore. The mother's arrival to the Bronx allows her to take care of her daughter and enables the father to return to work full time to meet daily living expenses.

**Honored Dying Queens Son's Wish To Say Goodbye To His Mother.** Senator Gillibrand and Rep. Gary Ackerman fulfilled Walter Vergara's wish to say goodbye to his mother before his final days. At the lawmakers' urging, the US consulate in Peru granted a visa for 74 year-old mother to visit her dying son at Elmhurst Hospital, where Mr. Vergara was suffering from bone cancer and AIDS.

**Secured Emergency Visas for Guyanese Sisters to Join Queens Family to Mourn Loss of their Brother, Young Nephew.** Senator Gillibrand helped secure emergency consular appointments and visas, allowing two Guyanese sisters to join their Queens family to mourn the loss of their brother, and five year-old nephew who died in a tragic Jet Ski accident. The Queens family members reached out to State Senator Joe Addabbo (D-Howard Beach) who called on the Senator for help.

**Helped Manhattan Mother Successfully Adopt Haitian Daughter.** Senator Gillibrand informed Manhattan resident of changes in the adoption and immigration process in Haiti and facilitated the expedited processing of the daughter's visa. The daughter is now with her mother.

**Helped Reunite Staten Island Family with Abducted 3 Year-Old Child.** During a trip to China, abusive husband of Staten Island resident Olivia Karolys abducted their daughter Lenora. Senator Gillibrand secured advanced parole for Olivia so that she could travel back to the US to obtain full custody of her daughter in family court and to apply for legal permanent resident status. Senator Gillibrand also expedited the approval process for Olivia's green card, which allowed her to travel to China to bring her daughter back once she was located. The Senator also worked with the FBI and State Department to help locate Lenora in an orphanage outside of Beijing and facilitate the arrest of her husband. Olivia returned home safely with her daughter.

**Helped Secure Visa for Israeli Student Allowing Him to Enroll in Brooklyn's Yeshiva Hadar Hatorah.** After the U.S. Consulate denied Israeli student's visa application, Senator Gillibrand's office worked with Assemblyman Dov Hikind's office to inform the student about the consular process and the documents he should bring to his second consular interview. The Israeli student's visa was ultimately approved.

**Secured Visa for Doctor to Work at Brooklyn's Maimonides Infants and Children's Hospital.** After a doctor was close to losing his residency position at the Department of Pediatrics due to lengthy delays with the immigration application process, Senator Gillibrand coordinated with the hospital to extend his residency offer, and worked with the US Consulate to expedite his visa so that he could work at the Brooklyn hospital.

## LONG ISLAND

**Rain Disaster Declaration.** Summer rain and excessive hail caused damage to 11 counties throughout New York, including Suffolk and Nassau. Senator Gillibrand secured a Secretarial natural disaster designation for these 11 counties from the USDA, which makes them and the 28 neighboring counties, which included Nassau and Suffolk, eligible for federal aid. The natural disaster designation allows the counties access to the USDA's Farm Service Agency emergency loans to recover from the storms of the summer months and make repairs as needed.

**FEMA Disaster Declaration.** In response to the storms that ravaged Long Island beaches, Senator Gillibrand called on Governor Paterson to request a federal disaster declaration and later called on President Obama to expeditiously grant the request. The declaration would open up funds in order to pay for much needed repairs to the beaches. Governor Paterson requested such a declaration on December 11 and President Obama agreed to issue a disaster declaration.

**Secured More Than \$150 Million In Federal Funding for Brookhaven National Lab.** Brookhaven National Lab is a major asset to the Long Island community. The lab employs 3,000 people and also hosts nearly 4,000 guest researchers annually. Brookhaven Lab boasts among other accomplishments, 6 Nobel Prize winning research discoveries and is home to countless other breakthroughs in the world of scientific research. In March, Senator Gillibrand secured federal recovery dollars to make environmental improvements, accelerate the construction of the National Synchrotron Light Source II and help save or create hundreds of jobs.

**Secured Increased Funding For The Long Island Sound.** Senator Gillibrand and Long Island's Congressional Delegation secured \$7 million in Interior Appropriations to help in the clean-up and restoration of Long Island Sound. Long Island Sound is an instrumental asset to the Long Island economy and the sewage seeping into the Long Island Sound is detrimental to the health of the Sound and the environment as a whole. Funding will also contribute to the Long Island Sound Study, which has contributed to the re-proliferation of native species throughout the estuary.

**Secured \$500,000 For LIPA's Solar Rebate Program.** Long Island Power Authority's (LIPA) solar rebate program received an influx of interested applicants and thus, needed additional funding in order to continue the program. The \$500,000 federal investment will be used to provide homes and businesses that have opted to install solar panels a rebate. The additional funds to provide rebates helped LIPA and many Long Island residents seeking to make their homes and businesses more energy efficient. The additional funding for the rebate program makes installation of pricey solar panels more affordable so more residents and business owners can complete installation.

**Secured Student Visa for Stony Brook University Student After Application Denied Four Times.** With Senator Gillibrand's assistance, a student visa was granted for Suffolk resident's niece, allowing her to attend Stony Brook University. Previously, the foreign national of Georgia was denied a student visa four times.

**Secured \$500,000 For The City of Glen Cove For Clean Water Infrastructure Improvements.** This initiative will rehabilitate and obtain technology for the drinking and stormwater infrastructure systems of the city. These systems are aging and are critical to the protection of the Long Island Sound, the community's sole source aquifer. This project is expected to create an estimated 60 jobs.

**Secured \$675,000 For SUNY Farmingdale - Research on Fuel Cell Powered by Hydrogen Produced from Biomass to Provide Clean Energy for Remote Farms away from Electric Grids.** This initiative will promote energy security and reduce reliance on the traditional energy grid while protecting the environment. This will be accomplished by constructing a fuel cell system powered by hydrogen produced from biomass. The project will also help to expose students to new systems of energy production. This initiative is estimated to create up to 20 jobs.

**Secured \$2 Million For Webb Institute Ship Model Testing Facility.** This project will fund the construction of a new, modern ship model testing facility at Webb Institute in Glen Cove. Ship model towing tanks are the signature experimental facilities of naval architecture, having both significant historical and current technical value in understanding and quantifying the hydromechanics of ships and ocean-based systems of all sorts. This project is estimated to create approximately 20 jobs.

**Secured \$1 Million For Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science (PMAFS) – Fish Stock Improvement Initiative.** This initiative will support a multi-state, multi-institutional partnership that will utilize academic and recreational/commercial fisheries resources to address the most urgent scientific issues limiting successful management of the summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. PMAFS will incorporate this critical information into the management process through well-established partnerships with NMFS, MAFMC, and ASMFC committees and assessment programs.

**Secured \$500,000 For East End Health Alliance – Electronic Medical Records Alignment.** This initiative will assist the East End Health Alliance establish a unified Electronic Medical Record system across all three of their hospitals: Eastern

Long Island Hospital, Peconic Bay Medical Center and Southampton Hospital. East End Health Alliance's new system will, among other benefits, improve patient care delivery, create consistency among administrative systems and will realize savings in the cost of providing care.

**Secured \$200,000 Suffolk County Department of Health Services – Electronic Medical Records for Suffolk County's Health Center Network.** This initiative will fund computerization of medical records, improving the quality of healthcare in Suffolk County. This project will improve public health record keeping and is environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of paper consumed at the health centers. This project is expected to create an estimated 7 jobs.

**Secured \$500,000 For The Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory – Women's Cancer Genomics Center.** This initiative has the potential to benefit women across New York and the country. The equipment that Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's will acquire will give them the tools necessary to perform genomic analyses on breast and ovarian tumors, that will help lead to advances in affordable DNA Biopsy diagnostics tests and new therapeutic strategies for breast and ovarian cancer.

**Secured \$600,000 For Suffolk County - CR 97, Nicolls Road Highway Improvements.** This initiative will provide important safety improvements for the major north-south highway for central Suffolk County.

**Secured \$2 Million For Gabreski Air National Guard base.** These federal recovery dollars will go toward a repair and upgrade of the base's fire suppression system. New fire extinguishing systems will be installed in 8 helicopter pods, making much needed upgrades to the base and creating jobs in the process.

**Secured \$3.1 Million For The Town Of Riverhead.** This federal recovery funding will help build a new bike lane from Calverton to Southold, improving safety for bikes and pedestrians. Additionally, the project expects to create jobs. The \$3.1 million allocated for this project was the largest of 3 awards made for Long Island projects.

**Secured Nearly \$15 Million For Hazardous-Waste Cleanups At Two Local Superfund Sites.** Federal recovery dollars will be used for clean-up and mediating the groundwater contamination problem existing at Lawrence Aviation Industries, a former manufacturing site in Port Jefferson Station, and Old Roosevelt Field in Garden City, which served as a military and commercial airfield.

**Secured \$6 Million For Fire Island National Park.** The federal recovery funding for Sailors Haven Marina and the Fire Island Lighthouse will replace bulkhead along the Patchogue River, stabilize and repair the Fresnel lens installed which was added to the Fire Island Lighthouse in 1858, and repair failed bulkhead at Sailors Haven Marina. The \$6.3 million allocated for Fire Island National Park is part of a larger investment in national parks across the country.

**Secured \$24.5 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants.** The federal recovery dollars will support the retrofitting of buildings with energy efficient technology, such as compact-fluorescent light bulbs and solar panels.